



Natural disasters, climate change, and the health of mobile populations

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Abstract:

Globalization has created new challenges to our paradigm of population movement, health and disease, challenges which call us to find new approaches, models and perspectives to address global inequities and the impact these inequities have on migrant populations. Governments, intergovernmental organizations and other stakeholders have increasingly recognized the influence of mobility on the disease burden of populations, identifying factors at different stages of the migration process. Population mobility and the health of those who move are increasingly a concern for public health professionals around the world. Public health professionals, policy makers and governments alike are finding that they are not only addressing the traditional diseases, including infectious diseases, but also new and emerging diseases. Within such contexts, the critical links to the significant determinants of health such as poverty, equity literacy and environment cannot be overlooked. Much has been accomplished, yet more can be done. Appropriate application of public health tools and research can be used to strengthen national health systems to address issues relating to migrants' health. This groundbreaking book, Population Mobility and Infectious Disease, delves into several variations of population mobility (e.g. labour migration, forced migration, internal migration, disasters, trafficking, military, and tourists) and discusses their effects on the health of migrants and receiving countries. Readers who are not familiar with migration issues will find this book an excellent resource. In addition, this volume can be particularly helpful in the identification of public health interventions for mobile populations.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event, Human Conflict/Displacement

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified